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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98,

Applicants hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 4,860,390 to OHTA, issued on August 29, 1989;

U.S. Patent No. 6,347,417 to OHTA, issued on February 19, 2002;

Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 9-60073, published on March 4, 1997,

together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 1 of the specification of the instant application; and

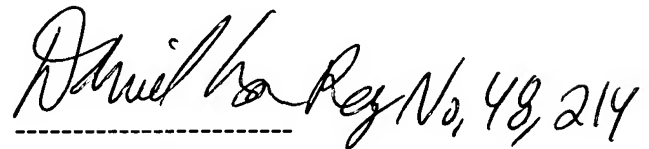
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 11-99077, published on April 13, 1999, together with an English language Abstract of the same. Applicants note that this document is discussed on page 10 of the specification of the instant application.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce H. Bernstein", followed by "Reg No. 48,214".

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